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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BEXP, TH

SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: NEW THERMAL POWER PLANT

REF: STATE 307479

1. ELECTRICITY GENERATING AUTHORITY OF THAILAND (EGAT) PRESENTLY IS DOING A PRE-FEASIBILITY (INVESTIGATION) STUDY OF A NEW, 500-600 MW, THERMAL POWER PLANT PROJECT. EGAT ENGINEERS, ASSISTED BY BLACK AND VEATCH INTERNATIONAL CONSULTING ENGINEERS, THE U.S. FIRM PROVIDING CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION OF UNIT 5 OF THE BANGKOK SOUTH THERMAL PLANT, ARE STUDYING SITE LOCATION, ENERGY SOURCES (OIL, GAS, COAL OR COMBINATION THEREOF), COSTING AND OTHER FACTORS TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO ALLOW EGAT TO PREPARE A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON ITS OWN. THIS FEASIBILITY STUDY WILL THEN BE USED TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD (NESDB) AND TO THE CABINET FOR APPROVAL.

2. THE TWO STUDIES ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE A MINIMUM OF SIX MONTHS BUT PROBABLY IT WILL BE THE END OF 1977 BEFORE THE PROJECT IS SUBMITTED TO NESDB. THEREFORE, HIRING A FOREIGN FIRM TO DO FINAL  
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DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION AND TO HELP ISSUE EQUIPMENT AND CIVIL WORKS TENDERS CANNOT TAKE PLACE, AT THE EARLIEST, UNTIL 1978.

3. EGAT AS YET HAS NO FINANCING PLAN FOR THIS PROJECT BUT PROBABLY WILL SEEK LOAN FROM IFI OR FOREIGN GOVERNMENT BANKS.

4. EGAT NEEDS THIS PLANT TO COME ON STREAM BY 1982-1983 TO PROVIDE FOR PEAK POWER DEMAND, IF PRESENT ENERGY CONSUMPTION GROWTH RATES CONTINUE, UNTIL THE EXPECTED NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT CAN COME ON LINE IN 1985.  
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